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For : A LENS BARREL HAVING A LENS BARRIER MECHANISM

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon Japanese Application No. 2001-83265, filed March 22, 2001; and 2001-83690, filed March 22, 2001. As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.55, certified copy of the Japanese applications have been filed in parent Application No. 10/101,727, filed March 21, 2002.

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